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MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE  
Atty. Docket No. 25535

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Notice of Allowance: 08/20/04  
KOPELMAN et al. Group Art Unit: 3732  
Serial No.: 09/830,264 Examiner: MANAHAN, Todd E.  
Filed: April 23, 2001

For: DENTAL IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Copy of Examiner's Amendment;
- (3) Submission of Formal Drawings;
- (4) 5 sheets of drawings.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Drawings*

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because Figures 1A-5 appear to be photographs and figures 7A and 8A also include photographs. Photographs are acceptable as final drawings, in lieu of India ink drawings to illustrate inventions incapable of being otherwise accurately or adequately depicted. This does not appear to be the case with the instant invention. See MPEP 608.02. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In line 1 of each of claims 5 and 6, "claims 14" has been changed to --claims 1-4-- so as to conform to claims 5 and 6 as originally presented.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Todd E. Manahan whose telephone number is 703 308-2695.

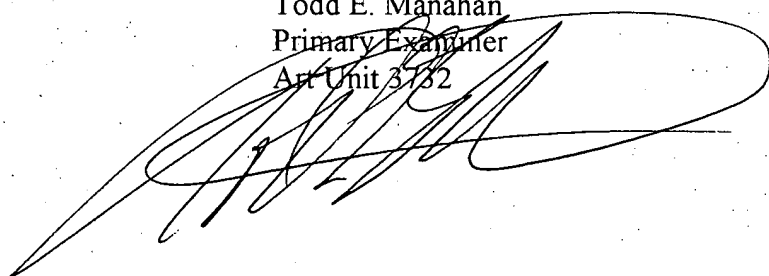
The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 703 308-2582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

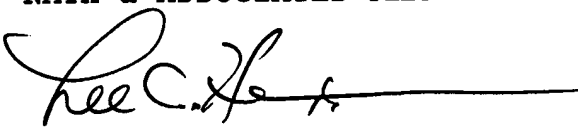
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Sir:

In accordance with the Examiner's Amendment dated August 16, 2004, requiring new Formal Drawings to be professionally drafted, formal drawings are filed herewith. It is submitted that these drawings obviate all of the objections to the drawings in said Notice.

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